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Reflection

When writing my essay entitled “Ironic Elements in Short Stories,” I found I didn’t have much of a problem understanding the prompt. The prompts we had to choose from were pretty self-explanatory and I was able to generate the material for my essay using the information I learned in *Perrine’s*. My “so what” point was that irony enhances literature and therefore enhances life. There are many things I could have done better, but the main mistake I made while writing this essay was failing to save it in a more secure place. I spent a good two hours crafting my essay, choosing the right words and making sure my sentences flowed smoothly. As luck would have it, my laptop became infected with a worm and it deleted all of my files. The most flawless essay I have ever written in my career as an English student was completely destroyed, and now the world will never see it. It is a devastating yet humorous truth that the topic of my essay was irony. How ironic is that?

Another flaw in my essay— besides the fact that it pales in comparison to its original— is that it doesn’t give examples that are strong enough to support the text. My essay also contains many lower order concerns, most of which are the same mistakes I made last year. I intend to watch my writing more carefully this year and try to decrease the number of mistakes I make in my essays. As a writer, I’ve learned that I need to support my observations with strong examples to enhance the quality of my writing. This year I will attempt to improve my writing skills as best I can.